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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,117,635, inventors Nazarenko et al., issued September 12, 2000;
2. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2003/082600A1, inventors Olek et al., published May 1, 2003;
3. PCT International Publication No. WO02/070735A2, published September 12, 2002;
4. PCT International Publication No. WO97/47762A1, published December 18, 1997;
5. PCT International Publication No. WO2004/113567A2, published December 29, 2004;
6. PCT International Publication No. WO03/080863A1, published October 2, 2003; and
7. Cottrell et al., "A real-time PCR assay for DNA-methylation using methylation-specific blockers," Nucleic Acids Research, 32(1):e10 (13 Jan. 2004).

All of the above-listed documents were cited in the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT application (PCT Appln. No. PCT/EP2005/003366), except for U.S. Patent No.

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6,177,635. In the case of U.S. Patent No. 6,177,635, a corresponding document, namely, PCT International Publication No. WO 98/02449 was cited instead.

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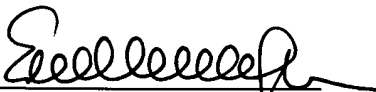
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